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TO : Chief, EE (Attn: Chief, SE)

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FROM : Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

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SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational/CAR

REPORT - ☐ Report on New Emigre
Publication - "Eastern Europe's Tribune"

REFERENCE - OFFA-6067, 6 August 1954

1. Attached is a report on the new emigre publication, "Eastern Europe's Tribune". ☐ notes that there are two versions as to the actual sponsors of this publication and the reasons for its appearance; one attributes it to the interests of a rich Romanian emigrant in Italy, Constantine DRAGAN, the other to the ubiquitous (Professor) Gerhard von HENSE. This is the extent of our present information on this publication. In view of reference, we are forwarding a copy of the first issue to Frankfurt only. Subsequent issues will not be forwarded unless special interest is indicated.

2. ☐ appears in the report as Source 300. Subsource 303 is Dr. Zoltan MAKRA. The previous ☐ reports referred to, Nos. 8-5-54 and 14-3-54, were forwarded respectively in EMA-11272, 2 June 1954 and EMA-10323, 22 March 1954.

3. ☐ Please do not pass the information in the attached report to Liaison.

☐ A. EE. We will shortly forward a complete list of the true names of the sources and subsources with old and new code numbers as requested in MEMO-250 of 3 August 1954.

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Encl. to ECLA-12452

18 August 1954

Subject: The Bulletin Eastern Europe's Tribune

Date of Information: 12 August 1954

Source: 300

Subsources: as noted

Evaluation of Information: as noted

1. Attached is the bulletin Eastern Europe's Tribune, the first issue of which appeared in July 1954.

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2. 303 states that this bulletin is published monthly in 5,000 copies and is distributed free of charge to prominent persons and institutions. 303 states that he was requested by Trifore WILLIAMS in May 1954 to cooperate in the publication of this bulletin. He states he turned the request down and in turn suggested Vladimir GUMENOVICH as the Hungarian Contributor. When questioned as to who was behind the bulletin 303 stated that it was his impression from a personal talk he had with Constantin DRAGAN, who appears on the masthead as founder of the bulletin, that it was DRAGAN himself who had put up the money for this initiative. 303 states that Constantin DRAGAN is a Romanian emigrant, residing in Italy, who owns several factories there and has managed to amass a small fortune from business activities. According to 303, DRAGAN is interested in world political affairs. In addition to the English issue of this Bulletin, DRAGAN is also financing a French issue which is published in Italy.

(1) Source comments: 303's statements are in contradiction to the information previously reported by Branko BEGOVICH. In May 1954 BEGOVICH reported (see E-1-54) that he had been informed by Ruth KRAMER (who appears as a member of the editorial board of this bulletin) that the initiative and financial support for this bulletin came from Prof. Gerhard von WENDE of the Office of Homeless Foreigners in Düsseldorf. It is BEGOVICH's impression that von WENDE's purpose in supporting this bulletin is to enable those politicians-in-exile who had been labeled as pro-German and Nazi collaborators to rehabilitate themselves politically in United States and British circles. For that reason the bulletin was to be published in English and distributed free of charge to such persons as United States senators and congressmen.

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Some evidence for BEGOVICH's claim is perhaps contained in the fact that the contributors to the first bulletin - Dimitry NALTSCHEV, BNF - ABN; Stefan TROYANSKI (Source believes this to be a pen-name for Dr. Stefan TARENOV of the BNF and Radio Free Europe); Grigore ZANOILESCU, Iron Guard; (Dr. Ferdinand) MECANESKI, ABN - SBB; Niko MAKASHIDZE, ABN; Rado PAREZANIN, SSB, are all known for their strong pro-German tendencies. It is also noteworthy that Grigore ZANOILESCU appears as the leading member of the editorial board and that the bulletin is published at the same address as the Rumanian Institute which ZANOILESCU heads. It has previously been reported (see 14-2-54) that von KEEDE is supporting the Rumanian Institute and ZANOILESCU.

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